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Early Sales On Local Market Averaged \$53.00 This Morning

Making Plans To Open The Schools Week After Next

Pupils To Report The First Time The Afternoon Of September 3

Plans are being rapidly advanced for opening the 1952-53 school term in this county on Tuesday, September 2, but it was explained that the pupils are not to report until 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, September 3.

Tuesday, September 2, is being devoted to a county-wide teachers' meeting in the Williamston High School, and Wednesday morning (September 3), the teachers will meet with their respective principals to make ready to receive the pupils that afternoon.

As a preliminary to the opening of the new term, a meeting of school officials, teachers and the general public will be held in the Williamston High School auditorium at 8:00 o'clock Monday evening, September 1. Special invitations are being extended to members of the County Board of Education, local committees, the parent-teacher associations, the various civic clubs and other interested citizens to attend and take part in the meeting. "We hope the public meeting September 1, will foster good relationships between schools and communities and among the individual schools in the county," Superintendent J. C. Manning said.

The county-wide meeting of teachers and principals the morning of September 2 will hear Miss Ella Stephens Barrett and Mr. Homer Lassiter, representatives of the State Department of Instruction. The leaders will discuss plans, looking to a better understanding of children and their problems from the first right on through the twelfth grade. Following the general session, Miss Barrett will work with the high school teachers and Mr. Lassiter will work with the elementary group.

When the pupils report Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock on September 3, they will be given a list of text books following registrations and the schedule of special fees will be explained.

With one or two exceptions, all teacher positions have been filled, and school officials are fairly optimistic as they complete final plans for the opening of the new term week after next.

Minor Accident On Street Here

No one was injured and damage was limited to about \$100 when two cars were in collision on Washington Street here yesterday morning, Chief John Roebuck said.

Roy Pittman of RFD # Halifax, was driving his 1942 Ford from a parking place in front of the Little Savoy Cafe just as Harvey Dixon of Washington started to pass in his Dodge car. Dixon could not dodge quick enough and the Ford bumper ripped into his car's left fender and tore away the rear bumper.

Pittman carried all kinds of insurance and accepted the damages, the officer said.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

The opening of the tobacco markets is being accompanied by an increase in traffic, and an increase in traffic aggravates the accident potential. However, extra precautions and strict attention to the safety rules can offset the increased danger.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend; first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

33rd Week			
Accidents Inj'd Killed	Dam'ge	1952	1951
1	0	\$ 435	
3	1	0	1,000
Comparisons To Date			
1952 171	87	1	\$55,365
1951 152	70	5	35,205

Urge Seeding Of Pastures To Offset Grain Shortage

Facing the most acute corn shortage in years, Martin County farmers most certainly find it advisable to seed every possible acre of pasture this fall, according to Assistant County Agent D. W. Brady.

The agent, urging all Martin County farmers to sow more pastures this fall than ever before, points out that the price of corn and the crop shortage can be offset, at least to some extent, by an increased acreage planted in pasture. The agent pointed out that corn, in addition to being high in price, is likely to be scarce and difficult to get.

Discussing pastures, the agent said:

"It has been demonstrated and proven at N. C. State College that pigs can make 1-3 lb. of gain per day on Ladino Clover alone—that means without corn or other protein feed. This of course is not advised but it proves the part good Ladino pastures can play in a hog program. A good Ladino pasture can economically save 1-3 of the feed required for hogs.

"These pastures have another marked advantage in lowering the intestinal parasite problem and other problems caused by unsanitary conditions.

Next month is pasture seeding time for Ladino Clover, Fescue, Crimson Clover, Ryegrass and Small Grains. Rape may be sown now for hogs."

Extensive Report Released Recently By Bonner Group

Congressional Committee Is Working To Streamline Military Supply

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner (D.-N.C.) formally released two sets of hearings this week. The first entitled "Federal Supply Management (Overseas Survey)" covers 1500 pages of hearings held in conferences totaling approximately 110 hours in place on an around-the-world trip last fall. There are hundreds of statements from military, State Department, Mutual Security Agency, and other officials in the hearings. These hearings form the basis for House Report 1984, which in turn laid the basis for House bill H. R. 8130, that called for the amendment of the National Security Act, to set up a position of an Under-Secretary of Defense; abolish the Munitions Board; remove supply management functions from the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and give monetary control of supplies to the Under-Secretary. While this bill was not enacted, it helped form the basis for an important rider to the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, which gives the Secretary of Defense authority and direction to issue binding regulations on military personnel to eliminate overlapping, duplication and waste in the supply field.

Congressman Bonner further points to in many places in the hearings where responsible field officers advocate greater unification between the three services in the broad field of supply. The report has been establishing its own common supply and other service systems throughout the world duplicating the Army and Navy systems though the Secretary had issued regulations to the contrary. The hearings show that joint logistical commands are operating well in Japan, Korea and elsewhere and should be extended to all overseas theaters. General Eisenhower agreed with the subcommittee when they met with him in Paris, and subsequently a joint logistical command has been set up in Europe. "To date, however, none has been set up in Alaska though it is badly needed," says Congressman Bonner.

The second hearings released are on the subject of textiles and clothing, and the A.S.P.R. (Armed Services Procurement Regulation) Conference. The hearings on textiles and clothing were held in February and March, and clarified the confusion which was rampant at the time concerning a formalized agency to unify the procurement of clothing, textiles, and footwear for all the services. On June 18, 1952, Secretary of Defense Lovett finally issued a directive.

Robert Turner King of Bertie County was driving toward Jamesville and allegedly crashed into a car driven by Carl Willoughby. James Oden, riding with Willoughby, suffered a broken arm and hip, and his asking \$2,000 damages, including an \$800 hospital bill.

Bert Johnson, another passenger in the Willoughby car, is asking \$1,000 damages, the plaintiff pointing out that he suffered a broken arm and other injuries. Willoughby is asking \$500 personal damages and \$300 property damage. The plaintiff Willoughby says his car was worth \$1,800, that he received only \$1,500 from the insurance company.

According to one report the defendant has few or no resources.

Truman Is Fading Rapidly From The Political Picture

Negro Leaders Say They'll Vote For Eisenhower Just The Same

Washington.—A strange scene is taking place these days at the White House. The President of the United States has lost control of the party he carried to victory in 1948, and is taking his cue from another Democrat some thousand miles away, and at the same time wondering how it all will come out. Harry Truman is a good party man. He knows how to take orders from above. That has been a prerequisite in his rise to fame, and he plays the game the old political way.

He is trying to be a good sport about this fellow Adlai Stevenson. Since he is the nominee, the President will bow to his wishes. The President will speak where he is asked to speak. But Adlai and Company are not sure they want the President to do too much speaking. The Illinois Governor wants to pitch his campaign on a high level, and he wants to conduct it himself, in his own way. He looks upon Mr. Truman as a possible political liability.

Mr. Truman also has his doubts about the political hotshots Stevenson has collected around him, and has spoken his piece about them to some friends. But he is trying to let Adlai run the show. Adlai is doing just that, reportedly failed to call Mr. Truman in the two weeks following the convention. The President is definitely doing a fast fade-out. The Stevenson group doesn't want him as a co-star. They want him to deliver a few prepared — in advance — speeches.

Whether there will be any hurt feelings before it is all over this year is an open question.

One thing is sure about Governor Adlai Stevenson's situation. He is on the hot seat on civil rights legislation, and what he must do in the next few days or weeks is decide how to finally stabilize the factions and the issues within the party without touching off a major blowup.

The South has generally accepted the Stevenson-Sparkman ticket. Adlai Stevenson, however, has been put on the spot by both ex-

Marked Decrease In Tobacco Crop

Production of all tobaccos in 1952 is placed at 2,040 million pounds which is about 8 percent below last month's forecast and compares with 2,328 million pounds produced last year. The current forecast, however, is well above the 10-year average of 1,842 million pounds. Dry weather during July over most of the South generally lowered yield prospects of types grown in these areas. Recent rains have brought relief to the area but in some instances damage is irreparable, according to a late Department of Agriculture report.

The production of flue-cured tobacco is indicated at 1,286 million pounds, 8 percent below the July 1 forecast. In 1951, 1,452 million pounds were harvested. Dry, hot weather during July lowered yield prospects over the flue-cured belt.

L. L. McLendon, former assistant farm agent in this county, is retiring after nearly 45 years spent in agricultural extension work in this State and South Carolina. He is now agent for Camden County and is retiring effective September 2.

Block Sales Will Be Cleared Here Early Tomorrow Morning

Auto Liability Situation Is Rated Serious Problem

If Accident Rate Does Not Decrease Insurance Rate Will Increase

Accident records in the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles show that 418 men, women and children lost their lives on the state's streets and highways between January 1 and June 5, 1952. This tragic toll is higher by 31 deaths than the figure for the same period in 1951, when 387 traffic fatalities were reported.

The same story, with variations is being repeated with monotonous regularity throughout each of the forty-eight states which make up this nation, it is the story of too many careless and foolhardy drivers.

What does this persistent slaughtering and maiming of men, women and children and this damaging of property mean to insurance companies, agents, state supervisory officials and the insuring public? Sometimes, in the face of an appalling apathy, one is tempted to ask if it means anything at all to the average individual. Automobile liability insurance can compensate in money damages, but it cannot restore a dead child to life, revitalize paralyzed limbs or erase human suffering and anguish. Above and beyond any humane consideration, the people's apathy has two very distinct meanings. (1) You and I, and the other members of the public who buy automobile liability insurance, are going to have to pay more for it. (2) If the situation does not improve, we are going to have a harder time buying it.

The aggregate automobile liability underwriting loss suffered by stock casualty insurance companies in 1951 amounted to more than \$100 million dollars. For the years 1946 to 1951, inclusive, these underwriting losses have totalled \$200 million dollars. In 1951, automobile accidents caused by insured motorists cost insurance companies an estimated \$111 for

Question Driver Of Abandoned Car

Following intensive questioning here Tuesday afternoon, Pitt County officers and local police were unable to connect the driver of a car abandoned on the streets here last Saturday with the murder of Officer Mills in Greenville a short time before.

The driver, a York, Pa., Marine stationed at Cherry Point, told several conflicting stories, but officers were unable to associate him in any way with the Greenville murder.

The marine, returning here Tuesday for his old model Ford abandoned on Hatton Street, told Chief John Roebuck he was traveling alone. The marine later told other officers that he was accompanied by another man. The marine first said he drove in on Highway 64, later declaring he traveled in on 17 from the north. Just why he abandoned the car, officers could not say.

Department To Issue Health Certificates

Required to have health certificates, teachers in the Martin County schools may get their examinations at the county health center, corner of Harrell and Ray Street, any day.

Dr. J. W. Williams said the examinations could be handled without delay if the teachers would report to the health center early or before the school term opens.

TO ADDRESS CLUB



Sam D. Bundy, former principal of the local high school and a speaker of note, will address a regular meeting of the local Kiwanis Club this evening at 7:00 o'clock.

Rotary Governor Here On Tuesday

Rotary Clubs in 33 countries throughout the world are united in an endeavor to promote international understanding, good will and peace. That was the message of George D. Colclough of Burlington, Governor of District 278 of Rotary International, in addressing the Rotary Club of Williamston Tuesday prior a conference with local Rotary officers, directors and committee chairman.

In addition to the activities of Rotary's 7,600 Clubs within their own communities to promote this objective, Mr. Colclough explained, Rotary International has spent more than \$1,000,000 in recent years through its program of student fellowships, which enable outstanding college graduates to study for one year in countries other than their own, as ambassadors of good will. Since this program was established in 1947, 394 Rotary Fellowships have been awarded to students in 48 countries.

Ted Rand Creech, of Wendell, N. C., will study in France next year. In addition, Rotary District 278 will have three foreign students this year: Miss Lucie Groot, from the Netherlands, will attend Wake Forest College. Mr. Einar Aase, from Norway, will study Mechanical Engineering at State College.

"With fellowship and service to others as its keynotes, Rotary provides a common ground for 360,000 business and professional executives throughout the world, regardless of differing nationalities or political or religious beliefs," the Rotary District Governor emphasized.

Predict Small Soybean Yields

Based on August 1 reports from soybean producers in North Carolina, prospective yield for soybeans is the lowest of the past 6 years, the State-Federal Crop Reporting Service reported today. A yield of 12.5 bushels is currently estimated based on the condition of the crop as of August 1. This is 4 bushels below the record yield realized last year and compares with the ten year average yield of 12.9 bushels. Rainfall received since August 1 could materially boost yield prospects since the crop is now blooming and setting pods.

If farmers hold to their intentions for utilization of the total estimated acreage of soybeans planted this year, a record high of 303,000 acres will be harvested for beans this season. This is 3,000 acres more than was harvested last year and 60,000 acres above the ten-year average.

Inferior Quality Of Tobacco Seen On Floors Today

Sold 302,384 Pounds Here For \$50.45 Average First Day In 1951

Following a few brief remarks by Mayor Robt. Cowan who welcomed farmers, buyers and other friends and who paid a brief tribute to the late Norwood Thomas and John Hearne who were on the market here for some time, Williamston's tobacco market literally jumped to its task.

Mixed opinions were heard during the first hour, but there were no complaints and no tickets were turned.

Copying the actual bills as they were submitted for payment, The Enterprise struck an average of \$52.60 for the first 24,660 pounds sold, the total income for that poundage adding up to \$12,971.16. The \$52.60 average for the first sales this morning is \$2.15 per hundred pounds above the opening-day average recorded last year.

While several of the companies were a bit hesitant as sales got under way, they soon took their positions and the average strengthened a bit with the trend progressing upward as the selling progressed. The house was in there at first, protecting its customers, and the stabilization cooperative was fairly active at the beginning. But once in the groove, the American and Liggett Companies, among others, started battling the price higher and higher to a practical top of \$70 per hundred pounds.

A low of \$20 per hundred was recorded early, but the general price range seemed to center from \$35 to \$55 per hundred.

Good tobaccos were bringing a fancy price. Mrs. Ida Keel and Windom Gardner sold 738 pounds for \$509.14, a resulting average of \$69 per hundred pounds.

Individual farmers declared that prices were all right, considering the quality of the tobacco offered. They were not too encouraged, however, when they explained that their crops were limited in poundage and of inferior quality.

The market, with nearly 400,000 pounds on the floor today, is expected to sell in excess of 300,000 pounds before closing time at 3:00 o'clock this afternoon, leaving a

Hold Boundary Line Hearing

Pending trial in the courts for some time, the W. L. Manning-N. P. Roberson boundary line dispute was heard before Referee H. G. Horton in the courthouse here yesterday.

Divorce Case Filed In Superior Court

A divorce case, based on grounds of two years of separation, was started a few days ago in the Martin County Superior Court by William T. Kirkman, Jr., against Ruth Gurganus Kirkman.

VITAL STATISTICS

According to a report released by the State Board of Health a few days ago there were 337 recorded births in this county during the first six months of this year. The deaths totaled 117 during the same period. The report also listed ten stillbirths during the six months ended June 30.